

Fall ME-NH Inshore Trawl Survey

The Fall ME-NH trawl survey conducted by the State of Maine, Department of Marine Resources is scheduled to begin September 27th, 2021 in New Hampshire working east to Lubec. The more information we have regarding our fisheries, the better equipped we are to defend these resources and your livelihoods. The ME-NH trawl survey provides valuable information for the management of important commercially harvested species. Failure to complete the proposed tows could jeopardize the use of our data for state and federal lobster and finfish management. To address this, we will be increasing our efforts to move gear within the published tows. If gear continues to be a problem, stronger measures may be considered.

You can avoid the need for our Marine Patrol to handle gear by clearing an area of gear 1/8th mile on either side of the 1 nautical mile towline for day of the tow.

Latitude/Longitude and TD coordinates for Tow Locations (pair of dots with a line on the chart mark each tow) and schedules can be found at the link below and/or by using your smartphone to access the QR code to the right:

<u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/science-</u>research/projects/trawlsurvey/fl21/index.html

For more detailed charts, please call Rebecca Peters on her cell phone at 207-557-5276, or email (Rebecca.J.Peters@maine.gov)

Tow Schedule and Updates are available via several methods.

Boat Contacts: F/V Robert Michael monitors Channels 16 and 13 Boat cell phone @ 207-557-5276 (Chief Scientist, Rebecca Peters)

Web Site: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/science-research/projects/trawlsurvey/index.html

To use the QR code above:

- 1. Open the camera app
- 2. Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code.
- 3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action.